

CAG Meeting Minutes
1/12/05

Attendees:

Meeting commenced at 6:05 PM.

Introductions were made by CAG Members and other attendees.

Next meeting set for 2/9/05

Call was made for review of minutes from 12/10/04 Meeting.

Rhett Lawrence moved to approve minutes.

Jim Robinson seconded motion. Motion carried.

Gasco letter was approved via email and letter was sent out.

Admin committee report: Sec'ty position still open.

Peter Laughingwolf reported that Dorothy Shoemaker is still interested in maintaining the website and the listserve.

Joe Keating volunteered to work with Dorothy to ensure listserve is functioning effectively.

Robin Plantz declared that he will issue meeting agendas earlier in order to obtain input from CAG prior to final agendas for future CAG meetings.

Robin reported that Corps of Engineers would update the CAG on the DMMP (Dredging Materials Management Plan)

Steve Gunther asked for update on the history, status and future prospects for the AtoFina Chemical (ARKEMA Group) site. Larry Patterson and DEQ's Matt McClinsey were referenced by LWG as contacts with information to follow up with.

Update on Early Actions, including contractor information can be provided by the March Meeting.

Peter asked for an update on McCormick Baxter.

Modeling discussion will be moved up to April.



Jim Robinson asked for Education and Outreach committee to put some emphasis on increasing CAG membership and participation.

Jane Haley-Harris reported that settlement was reached with Kinder Morgan whereby NPDES permit will be posted for employees to see. Employees will be trained and \$75K will be spent on Loader improvements.

Jim Robinson asked about what appears to be loose soda ash at Kinder Morgan's property on the West side of the River.

Bill McCauley mentioned that \$75K is not much, relatively speaking.

Questions were raised by Bill regarding the GASCO letter, specifically regarding disposals of contaminants (tar) from the site.

Judy Crockett mentioned that the Tar body is a continuing subject for discussion and evaluation.

Jim Anderson described a viscous fluid that is believed to be below the tar body.

Steve suggested that some assessment of the delays in the GASCO site cleanup ought to be performed in order to learn from this and avoid future delays on other sites.

Tom Chisolm asked if sample of coal tar from GASCO has been evaluated and if this information could be available to the CAG.

Barbara _____ said she can ask Bill Wyatt to present info on the GASCO.

Steve asked if he (Bill Wyatt) could be persuaded to make the same presentation to the CAG that he made to the NWEA (Northwest Environmental Conference) last fall.

Joe K. announced that PRP letter will be mailed out to all PRP's.

Peter Laughingwolf detailed ideas related to Stewardship. Eyes on the River: Both EPA and the Corps of Engineers are committed to enforcing the dredging permit process, but they don't have the resources to monitor effectively. Since they don't know when dredging is happening, Peter suggested some type of system be put in place whereby Fisherman, Boaters and others on the River can report on observed, questionable activities on the River.

Jane Haley-Harris said there's probably another way. There are permits in place we could review to see if the law has been violated.

Steve suggested that Willamette River Keeper already has network in place and that increased support from the CAG for WRK's program should be provided.

Joe questioned whether the CAG can be effective at increasing such a monitoring presence.

Peter L. agreed to lead a meeting to discuss the subject.

Peter L. asked about re-defining positions on the CAG in order to increase CAG participation.

EPA's Eric Blishke presented information on contaminated groundwater in the ISA. Contaminated groundwater continues to discharge into the River. Eric described Regulatory efforts to study and address this.

A Pilot Study was established in November. An airplane took Thermal Images to identify groundwater plumes around the River in November – November being the optimal time due to temperature differences between warmer groundwater and colder River water. This provided what Eric called a temperature signature. They looked at ATOFINA site and the ARCO facility

The Salt Plume coming from out of ATOFINA is 5X more saline than seawater. Rate of movement was measured. Before Xmas "peepers" were used where de-ionized water vessel is submerged in the mud to gauge movement. Information is available in a Groundwater Pathway Evaluation Technical Memorandum.

In July, another Temp differential will allow for additional measurement of groundwater signatures.

Bill Egan asked for distinction between industrial impacted groundwater and other Stormwater.

Petroleum products are the main things we're looking at. Metals are also contaminants including cyanide. Copper can become soluble and represents a health hazard.

Joe asked about quality control process for this Groundwater Evaluation.

Judy Smith, from EPA, referenced reports that are to be made available to the CAG. They have already been presented to the Technical Advisory Group (Regina/WRK)

Regina asked about discharges. Are you looking at Lab techniques or field techniques, with regard to where groundwater is discharging?

Jim Anderson, from DEQ weighed in on the evaluation process: "The overall goal is to identify high priority sites.

Bill Egan mentined that changes are bound to occur in groundwater transport.

Steve asked about the cost of this groundwater study.

Eric said it is a very challenging effort.

Barbara said she can find out how much of the \$19 million LWG has spent so far can be attributed to the Groundwater study.

Tom Chisolm asked, "Are there existing wells."

Jim Anderson said UIC's (Underground Injection Control Sources) will be identified in the course of this study.

Steve asked about U.I.C's and Jim said that there are likely no more than a hundred UIC's in the ISA.

Eric mentioned that all UIC's in the Superfund area are to be either de-commissioned or registered.

Regarding Corps of Engineers, Don Borda is contact at corp for Schnitzer

The DMMP won't be completed for 1.5 yrs.

Per Robin, Chad Linna can make a presentation on Dredging Technology.

Joe k. asked Robin to ID Don Borda's supervisor.

Bill asked why EPA took no action against Schnitzer for allegedly violating dredging permit.

Eric Blishke said EPA is evaluating permit.

DEQ's Jim Anderson says transcripts are being requested from witnesses in order to file a complaint with the Corps.

EPA's Eric Blishke declared that coordination between Army Cors and EPA has been abysmal.

Robin reported that at Willamette River Authority meeting, Shnitzer dredging issue was raised.

Discussion was held about inviting Schnitzer rep to attend and present at future CAG meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM